

HIOSH ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Minutes February 19, 2004

Present: Richard Botti, Delbert DeRego, Connie Hastert, Tracy Lawson, Robert Nakamatsu, James Newberry, Gareth Sakakida, Clayton Winger, Roy Yamamoto

Absent: Arthur Akana, Lani Bjork, Steven Brooks, Paul Chang, Robert Dove, Wade Hashizume, Charles Kelley, Tim Lyons, Cherie Raymond, Orlando Soriano, Thomas Vendetta

HIOSH: Jennifer Shishido, James Decker, Ellen Kondo, Masayoshi Ogata, Terry Oyafuso (Recorder)

Meeting called to order at 1:10 pm by Co-Chair Clayton Winger.

1. Minutes of November 20, 2003 approved.
2. Allan Yokoyama was introduced as the Business Consultation Facilitator and will be working with the Consultation & Training Branch.
3. HIOSH Activities/Status Reports
 - a. Standards
 - Two hearings scheduled on March 8, 2004 (Standards - *Safety and health professional* - HIOSH consultants considered as certified safety and health professionals; Safety and health professional shall not certify their own places of employment or those workplaces controlled by their employer. *Signs, Signals, and Barricades* - identical to the federal standards with exception HIOSH will rely on Part VI, Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices, Millennium Edition, December 2000, FHWA to avoid confusion. *Recordkeeping* - delete column for work-related MSD but does not relieve recording all cases that meet the requirements of the standard; *Means of Egress* - rewritten in a clearer and easier to understand format.
 - b. Accidents Investigated - None for the quarter.
 - c. Whistleblower Investigations (4)
 - 1) Discharged because complained about co-worker's violence - results was employee provoked the incident; 2) Discharged for complaint about asbestos - results poor performance and not following instructions; 3) Discharged for safety complaints - results poor performance during probationary period; and 4) Suspended due to complaint about employee safety - employee was involved in workplace violence incident and the result was employer's workplace violence program/protocol was being applied without discrimination.
 - d. VPP/SHARP
 - VPP - Dick Pacific
 - SHARP - KD Construction (first SHARP recipient)
4. Other Concerns/Information
 - a. Fall Protection Initiative
 - Construction activity increases, new workers employed - HIOSH finding more non-compliance with fall protection.
 - Need to address potential of increase in falls, injuries and fatalities.
 - Stakeholders involved would be to get ideas, goals, plan and implement.
 - b. Drug Awareness Training
 - HB 2300 - Substance Abuse Prevention Education
 - Substance abuse training information will be posted on HIOSH website at hiosh.hawaii.gov.

- c. Construction Advisory Committee
 - Working committee, submit names to Director.
 - Work with HIOSH to find ways to reduce injury and illnesses; streamline rules; develop means and methods of compliance.
 - Mentor to small construction companies.
- d. Construction Industry Breakfast Meetings
 - Quarterly - sponsored by various associations throughout the state.
 - timely topics, new technology, innovative compliance methods and issues for construction.

Thomas Goob (Public) - Construction advisory committee/breakfast meetings if successful with these meetings will other industries be involved? *HIOSH response - need to look at our resources. Reason for construction is because the industry is booming and with a lot of new workers hired, data indicates that with new workers accidents occur within the 3 months of hire. The possibility for other industries if there is growth such as the hospitality industry.*

- e. Mini Conferences
 - Start up again to address needs of small business.
 - Allan Yokoyama will spearhead.
- f. Two Web Compliance Assistance Web tools on OSHA webpage at www.osha.gov
 - MYOSHA - create personalized links to OSHA online resources
 - Quick Start - step-by-step guide to identify major OSHA requirements and guidance materials for specific industry.
 - IT budget cuts - hours of service to public has been reduced (8 am - 6 pm EST) so recommend doing research in the morning for data. Current data not posted until the 31st day.

5. Members/Public Concerns/Information

- a. Jim Newberry (member) - suggested look at make up of the committee. *HIOSH response - Current makeup is a balance of various organizations (safety and health professional, employers, unions, workers comp and high hazards industries). Need to review the structure of this committee, discuss new makeup of members and make recommendation to the Director. Director would like this committee to be more active and involved and willing to take action on issues.*

Jim Peck/Ray Welch (Public) - AIHA getting more involved with health issues and attending these meetings - indicates interest is there and has an interested person who would like to get involved.

- b. Public - George Mauiola introduced members of the various construction associations in attendance after attending their own meeting - GCA Safety Committee of Oahu, Contractors Association of Kauai, Hawaii island Contractors Association of Hilo and Maui County Safety Committee. Their purpose of getting together was to establish partnerships and networking with other counties to share concerns instead of operating individually.

- 6. Next meeting May 20, 2004 on the island of Kauai at the Kauai Marriott Beach & Resort - due to airline flights - RSVP April 7, 2004.
 - Notifications /flyer to be sent to various organizations.

Meeting adjourned at 2:10 pm